IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No.19647 of 2026 alongwith connected matters

Decided on: 3rd November, 2026

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1. CWP No.19647 of 2026

Suman Lata **.....Petitioner**

Versus

State of H.P. and others **.....Respondents**

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2. CWP No.19649 of 2026

Babita Kumari **.....Petitioner**

Versus

State of H.P. and others **.....Respondents**

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3. CWP No.19650 of 2026

Suman Kumari **.....Petitioner**

Versus

State of H.P. and others **.....Respondents**

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4. CWP No.19651 of 2026

Surender Kumar **.....Petitioner**

Versus

State of H.P. and others **.....Respondents**

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

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[1] **Whether reporters of print and electronic media may be allowed to see the order? Yes.**

For the Petitioners: Ms. Seema Sharma, Advocate vice Mr. Vishwa Bhushan, Advocate.

For the Respondents: Ms. Menka Raj Chauhan, Deputy Advocate General.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge

Notice. Ms. Menka Raj Chauhan, learned Deputy Advocate General, appears and waives service of notice on behalf of the respondents.

2. In view of the grievance of the petitioners and the nature of order being passed hereinafter, there is no necessity to call for reply from the respondents. Matters have accordingly been heard at this stage.

3. Petitioners' grievance is that in terms of office memorandums issued on 02.03.2024, 16.10.2024 and 15.10.2025, arrears on account of Dearness Allowance (DA) are admissible to them w.e.f. 01.07.2022, yet these have not been released to them. Petitioners seek release of DA arrears w.e.f. 01.07.2022. Petitioners have also alleged discrimination citing notifications dated 10.10.2024 (Annexure P-9) and 03.02.2026 (Annexure P-10), whereunder, a specific category of State Government employees has been extended the Dearness Allowance at Central Government rates from the due dates. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have

submitted representations at Annexure P-11 to the competent authorities for the redressal of their grievances, however, the same have not been decided till date. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioners would be content in case the respondents/competent authority(s) are directed to decide the aforesaid representations in accordance with law within a fixed time schedule. Learned Deputy Advocate General is not averse to this prayer.

4. Keeping in view the grievance of the petitioners, which is based upon respondents' office memorandums dated 02.03.2024, 16.10.2024 & 15.10.2025; the fact that petitioners' representations (Annexure P-11 in all these petitions) are pending in that regard and having regard to the afore-submissions, but without examining the matters on merits, these writ petitions are disposed of with a direction to respondents No.1 and 2/competent authority to consider and decide the aforesaid representations seeking release of five pending instalments of Dearness Allowance and DA arrears statedly due to the petitioners w.e.f. 01.07.2022 in accordance with law keeping in view the aforesaid office memorandums, within a period of six weeks from today. The decision so arrived at shall also be communicated to the petitioners. In case the Dearness

Allowance and five instalments of DA arrears are admissible to the petitioners, as claimed by them, the same be also released within the aforesaid period.

The writ petitions stand disposed of in the above terms, so also the pending miscellaneous application(s), if any.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

November 03, 2026
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